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Droves of North Koreans denied asylum in Canada

Refugees. Claimants asked to prove that they face persecution in South Korea as well

A recent decision by the refugee appeal tribunal to side with Ottawa and overturn a North Korean woman's refugee status has shocked asylum seekers who fled the Communist regime.

Minseo Kim, 45, and her daughter Sangah Rhee, 2, came to Canada in early 2013 and were granted asylum by the Immigration and Refugee Board in April.

However, Immigration Minister Chris Alexander successfully appealed the decision with the board's newly established refugee appeal division, arguing that Kim and Rhee should not be recognized as refugees because North Koreans are automatically South Korean citizens.

"When I passed the refugee hearing, I cried for joy," said Kim, a kindergarten teacher from Pyongyang, through an interpreter. "When I received the decision of the government appeal, I cried for sadness."

Historically, North Korean refugees have had an acceptance rate over 50 per cent, peaking at 72 per cent in 2010. However, the number of claims has been steadily creeping up; 718 new claims were received in 2012 alone, prompting concern from the federal government.

Chung Woong Cho, a member of Toronto's Alpha Korean United Church — a congregation of mostly North Korean exiles — believes Kim's case to be the first in which a positive North Korean asylum decision has been challenged by Ottawa.

"This is setting a precedent," said Cho, who came to Canada in 1972 and has helped his former compatriots through the church. "The good days for North Korean refugees are over. Canada's door is closed."

Although South Korea offers resettlement assistance to people who have fled the north since the end of the Korean War, Cho said the migrants face animosity.

"South Koreans see them as a burden," said Cho. "They subconsciously hate them and reject them with suspicion, because they see North Koreans as enemies."

According to Sonia Lesage, spokesperson for Citizenship and Immigration Canada, in such a case "the onus is on the claimant to demonstrate that he/she is facing persecution or harm in both North Korea and South Korea."

Kim, who was joined in Canada earlier this year by her husband, Jae Sung Kim, 51, is now waiting for a new hearing. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

No home in South Korea

"There is a lot of discrimination in employment. We were bullied because we spoke with a different accent. We were under constant surveillance because South Koreans think we are all spies."

Minseo Kim

Acceptance

14%

Although 79 per cent of North Korean claimants were granted asylum in Canada last year, the acceptance rate has dropped to just 14 per cent in the first three quarters of 2013.

Minseo Kim, her husband Jae Sung Kim and their daughter Sangah Rhee. Minseo had been accepted as a refugee in Canada until the federal government challenged it, saying that as a North Korean national she is automatically considered a citizen of "safe" South Korea. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Queen station

SIU still investigating subway shooting

Four police officers opened fire during an altercation in the Queen subway station Friday night, seriously injuring an 18-year-old man, according to the Special Investigations Unit.

Witnesses say the man was holding a gun and told police he had nothing left to live for.

The man was rushed to hospital with life-threatening injuries as panic broke out among transit users and Christmas shoppers at the nearby Eaton Centre.

The family of the man, whose last reported condition was stable, has not consented to the release of his name, the SIU said.

Nine police officers responded to calls about a suspicious man with a weapon on a subway train, the SIU said.

The four officers who discharged their weapons had not yet agreed to speak to investigators, the SIU said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bloor and Royal York

Firefighters hurt while attending to home blaze

Two firefighters suffered minor injuries battling a three-alarm blaze at a home in Toronto.

The fire broke out early Sunday at the west-end house near Bloor Street and Royal York Road.

The home was under renovation and no one was inside at the time.

The fire is believed to have started in the basement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

Derry, a one-year-old Nova Scotia duck tolling retriever, runs through the snow in Toronto on Sunday. Torontonians woke up to a winter wonderland as the season's first heavy snowstorm hit the GTA this weekend. Downtown Toronto had received about 18 centimetres of snow by 5 a.m., Environment Canada reported. There were many accidents on snowy roads around the region, including a 20-car pileup on the Queen Elizabeth Highway in Mississauga. The long-range forecast calls for warmer temperatures as the week goes on.

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Smartphones get a view from on high

Sparrowscope. Engineer's rig lets devices snap pictures from a floating kite

Ori Barbut prepares the Sparrowscope to take to the air.

RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Seeing the world from above is one of life's rare and childish joys — reserved for hot-air balloonists, airplane passengers and fictional nannies with magic umbrellas.

Ori Barbut wants everyone to have that view, so he whisks smartphones into the sky, aboard kite line, to take photos.

The Toronto engineer has spent almost a year and a half ironing out practical considerations for the whimsical undertaking. His Sparrowscope is an aluminum alloy rig that locks a smartphone in with elastic cords. A tablet or smartphone on the ground controls the sky camera through a system of tones sent through the phone's headphone jack to the motor and paddlewheel on board.

Kite-flying, and the pleasure and peace it brings, is a pastime many adults have forgotten, or simply don't have time for. Barbut, 26, never stopped. In the summer of 2012, he was flying a kite when a man asked if he could rig his camera to it. Barbut and his friends agreed. None of the pictures turned out.

"You couldn't see what you were taking a picture of, you couldn't control the camera in any way, so I just got to thinking: It would be kind of cool, this is something you can do today in a way you wouldn't have been able to do before," he says.

Kite aerial photography isn't new. For years hobbyists have found different ways to take photos — using remote-control plane or helicopter parts, along with less technical solutions like Silly Putty and rubber bands.

"Ori's solution is quite unique in that you can have the ease of remote aiming and shutter; you can compose the picture a lot easier," says Gary Mark, event co-ordinator with the Toronto Kite Fliers.

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Prohibitions

Transport Canada doesn't specify a height restriction for kites, but prohibits flying kites into "cloud" or "in a manner that is or is likely to be hazardous to aviation safety."

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Judges criticize court delays

Drunk driving cases. Ontario Court justice blames T.O. police for delay in getting video evidence to the Crown

In the last five months, at least three Toronto judges have blasted the police, Crown and the clogged court system for delaying simple impaired driving cases for so long that they were thrown out.

In a court system where the earliest trial date is many months away, the failure of police to provide crucial videotapes within a reasonable time is pushing cases well past the constitutional right to a timely trial, they say.

Police routinely videotape breath tests and those recordings, along with police dashboard camera videos of roadside stops, often become crucial evidence in the event of a trial.

In May, Ontario Court Justice Peter Harris, who presides at College Park, tossed out a charge of failing to provide a breath sample, blaming Toronto police for a delay in getting the video to the Crown.

"It seems that the police video recording service has become perversely oblivious to trial delay concerns and judicial pronouncements on this subject and almost beyond the reach of any supervisory authority," Harris wrote in his judgment. He noted the Toronto judiciary has been complaining about the issue for the past decade.

The Supreme Court of Canada guidelines allow between eight and 10 months of delay beyond the point where parties are ready for trial.

In this case, the time between arrest and trial was 15 months.

Harris determined three months was necessary to process the charges and prepare for trial. The remaining 12 months was caused by the Crown, police and an overburdened court system, he found.

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Statistics

The rate of impaired driving convictions in Ontario has remained constant for the last decade, ranging between 69 per cent and 81 per cent according to data from StatsCan. The number of cases closed fell from 16,734 in 2011 to 13,889 in 2012, but the percentage of charges stayed or withdrawn (for a number of reasons) also went down — from 28 per cent in 2010 and 24 per cent in 2011, to 19 per cent in 2012.

Torontonians in solidarity with Ukraine

Maksym Schturyn, 21, and his sister Melania, 7, react after receiving the attention of a passing motorist on Yonge Street on Sunday. Several hundred people from Toronto's Ukranian community gathered at Yonge and Dundas Square to show solidarity and support to those in Ukraine. More coverage, page 14. CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Black rips into Toronto Star for 'attempted coup' against Ford

Conrad Black says he doesn't minimize Rob Ford's mistakes, but notes police have never charged him with a crime. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A libel notice against Rob Ford has prompted Conrad Black to come to the Toronto mayor's defence, accusing Canada's largest newspaper of being a "menace to democracy."

The former media mogul did an interview with Ford on Vision TV last Monday, which led to Toronto Star reporter Daniel Dale serving a legal notice to the mayor.

Dale and the Star contend that Ford's comments during the interview about an incident last year amounted to accusing him of being a pedophile.

Ford has since said he stands by his comments about a confrontation he had with Dale outside his home.

Dale has said the legal action is his own, but Black used a National Post column to accuse the Star of dragging what he calls its prolonged effort to crucify Ford into the courts.

Black writes that Ford's comments about Dale are a sideshow to what he calls the Star's campaign of "rabid hostility" against the mayor.

"Those who have problems with the mayor's style (and there is plenty of room for such concerns) can wait for the 2014 election," writes Black in the column published Saturday.

"The voters control this city, not the Toronto Star. And the attempt to end-run the electoral system is dishonest and a menace to democracy."

Michael Cooke, the Star's editor who Black referred to in his column as "my former protégé," expressed surprise over Black's diatribe.

"My primary concern is the attack on our reporter, though it is increasingly odd that a man as brilliant as Conrad Black would plant his flag on Mount Ford and do battle from there," Cooke told The Canadian Press in an email.

"The Star's attempted coup is collapsing," writes Black, who is no stranger to controversy himself having served nearly five years in U.S. prison for fraud and obstruction of justice.

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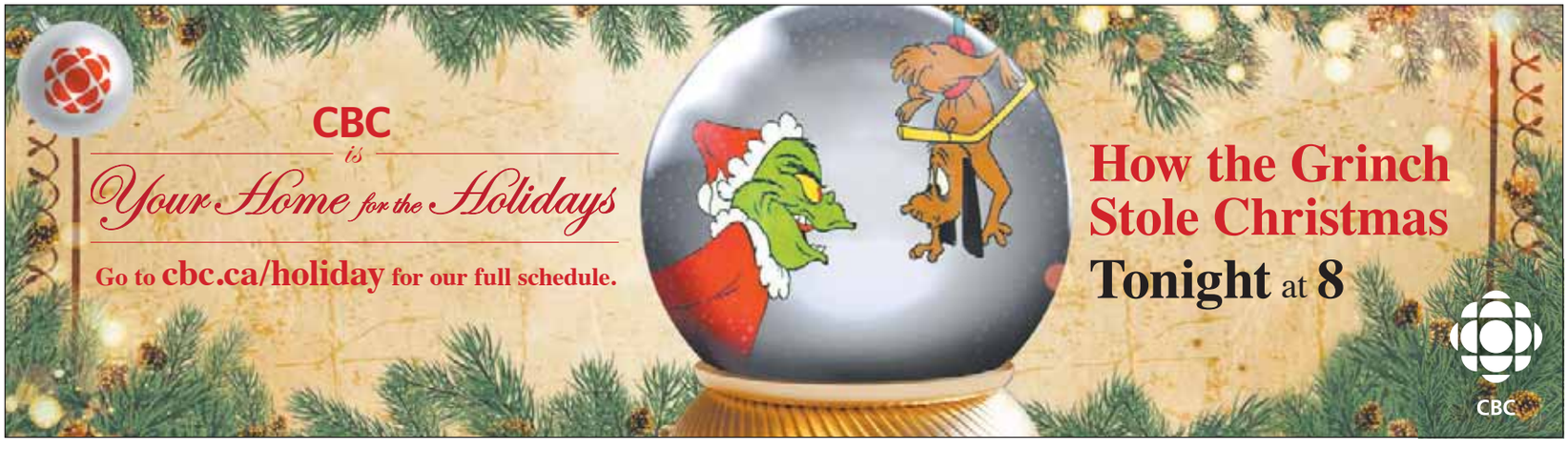

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U of T frat house mourns loss of its VP

Cause of death. Toxicology test results expected to be released in a few days

A University of Toronto fraternity is grieving the loss of Hugo Chan, the brotherhood's vice-president who fell to his death over the weekend.

Chan, 25, apparently attempted to scale the wall of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house, just north of U of T's campus, around 3 a.m. Saturday. A toxicology test is underway to determine whether alcohol played a role in his death, which police have classified a misadventure.

The night following Chan's tragic fall, fraternity brothers and sorority sisters gathered inside the Beta Theta Pi house for a candlelight vigil to remember their lost brother, considered the glue of the chapter.

Fraternity chapters across North America have poured out support for family and friends of Chan, a Ryerson hospitality and tourism management student in his senior year.

Quoted

"He held their house together. One member said he was a father figure to a lot of them."

Shannon McKechnie, president of a U of T sorority

The details surrounding Chan's death remain foggy. It's unclear whether an event was being held at the fraternity house at the time of Chan's fall.

Paramedics found the student lying unconscious on the ground before he was rushed to hospital in life-threatening condition. He was pronounced dead shortly after.

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Hugo Chan died in what police have classified as a misadventure.
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Stern letter sent home. Memo to Toronto City Council: Behave

Toronto's council speaker, Frances Nunziata, sometimes sounds like an exasperated kindergarten teacher.

She sent the city's elected officials home on Friday with a stern three-page letter. It asked them be nicer to each other.

Council meets Monday for the first time since the raucous November session during which Coun. Doug Ford argued with spectators and Mayor Rob Ford made a drunk-driving gesture and inadvertently knocked down Coun. Pam McConnell.

In Nunziata's unusual memo, titled "Re: Conduct in the Chamber," she asked her colleagues "reflect upon our responsibilities before we meet again."

"I have been approached by several members of council about the disruptions that occurred at the November meetings of city council," Nunziata began. "Disruptive, disrespectful and unparliamentary behaviour reflects poorly on city council, and undermines public confidence in our ability to govern."

She attached a list of council rules — "they are based on centuries of parliamentary tradition," she noted — and she identified particular "highlights."

"Members are responsible for: speaking respectfully at all times; listening and participating in the meeting, without disrupting the proceedings; using appropriate language; abiding by council's decisions; obeying rulings and decisions; obeying the Members' Code of Conduct; sitting and being silent during a vote," she wrote. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Speaker and chair Frances Nunziata
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Hamilton

Boy, 6, killed by piece of steel

A six-year-old has died after a piece of steel fell on him at an industrial site in Hamilton and crushed his skull.

EMS platoon chief Jim Summers said the boy was inside a building at 65 Imperial St. with his father when the accident happened.

It is not known why they were in the building.

The boy did not have a heartbeat when paramedics arrived. They attempted CPR, but the boy was pronounced dead at the Hamilton General Hospital.

Summers said there was a lot of blood loss at the scene.

The EMS crew that responded was taken off the road and its staff are going to be debriefed due to the traumatic incident and the victim's youth.

"You don't see a lot of industrial accidents on children, and people forget that paramedics are people too, they need to process this as well," said Summers.

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Nova Scotia in the slush

Don those wellies.
Halifax sees pre-Christmas snow for first time in 3 years

HALEY RYAN
Metro in Halifax

Near-blizzard conditions didn't stop Julie Wiseman, left, Anna Marie Kaiser and Tabitha Bainbridge from getting in a 10-kilometre run along the St. Margaret's Bay trail Sunday morning in Halifax. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

The combination of snow and rain on Sunday had many people in the East Coast shovelling their driveways so they wouldn't be stuck Monday morning.

Karen Ramsland of Halifax cleared her driveway around 1 p.m. so the snow wouldn't be too heavy to lift once the rain started.

"I'm loving it. I'm actually one of those people that likes the snow," Ramsland said.

Environment Canada meteorologist Jean-Marc Couturier said the Halifax region got about 15 centimetres of snow by mid-afternoon, then ice pellets and rain began turning the snow into slush by 3 p.m. onwards.

"There is a lot of melting that goes on," Couturier said of warmer temperatures Sunday afternoon.

Couturier said Sunday's storm was "not unusual" for Nova Scotia, and some areas saw up to 30 centimetres, but it's been three years since the area saw much snow before Christmas.

Chrissie Atherton moved to Halifax from the United Kingdom this year, and said Sunday's snowfall was her first in Canada.

"It's quite nice. I suppose if it was a weekday it would be a bit chaotic, so it's fun today," Atherton said as she shoveled her driveway.

Sgt. Gavin Nash of the Nova Scotia RCMP said they'd had reports of multiple cars sliding off the road throughout the province, but there were no serious accidents as of the early evening.

Halifax Regional Police responded to 10 reports of accidents in the urban area, but no injuries were reported and cars suffered minor damage.

Stormy weather

The same storm system dumped 15 to 25 centimetres of snow in parts of southern Ontario on Saturday.

- The storm then made its way to southern Quebec late Saturday and into Sunday, dumping up to 30 centimetres of snow in some areas.

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Flood-hopping feline kicks back

Momo the cat has been living a quiet life since gaining global celebrity status when he leapt from a submerged pickup truck and swam for his life in floodwaters that hit southern Alberta last June.

Momo and his human, Kevan Yeats, were in Yeats's truck on a partially submerged street in High River when disaster struck. Yeats had been at work when the flooding started and he went back to his apartment to pick up Momo.

The truck hit a deep spot on the road and was quickly swamped by water washing through the community from the Highwood River.

Yeats smashed out the back window of the cab and hopped into the truck bed with the then-eight-month-old cat in his arms.

Momo jumped from Yeats's arms into the water and started paw-paddling to safety, his tiny wet head poking just above the surface.

The moment was captured by a photographer with The Canadian Press and the images garnered international media attention as a symbol of hope amidst the devastating flooding.

Kevan Yeats spends some one-on-one time with his cat, Momo. BILL GRAVELAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Yeats said Momo didn't seem to suffer any trauma from his swim.

"The next day he was fine and jumped in the shower — same old cat."

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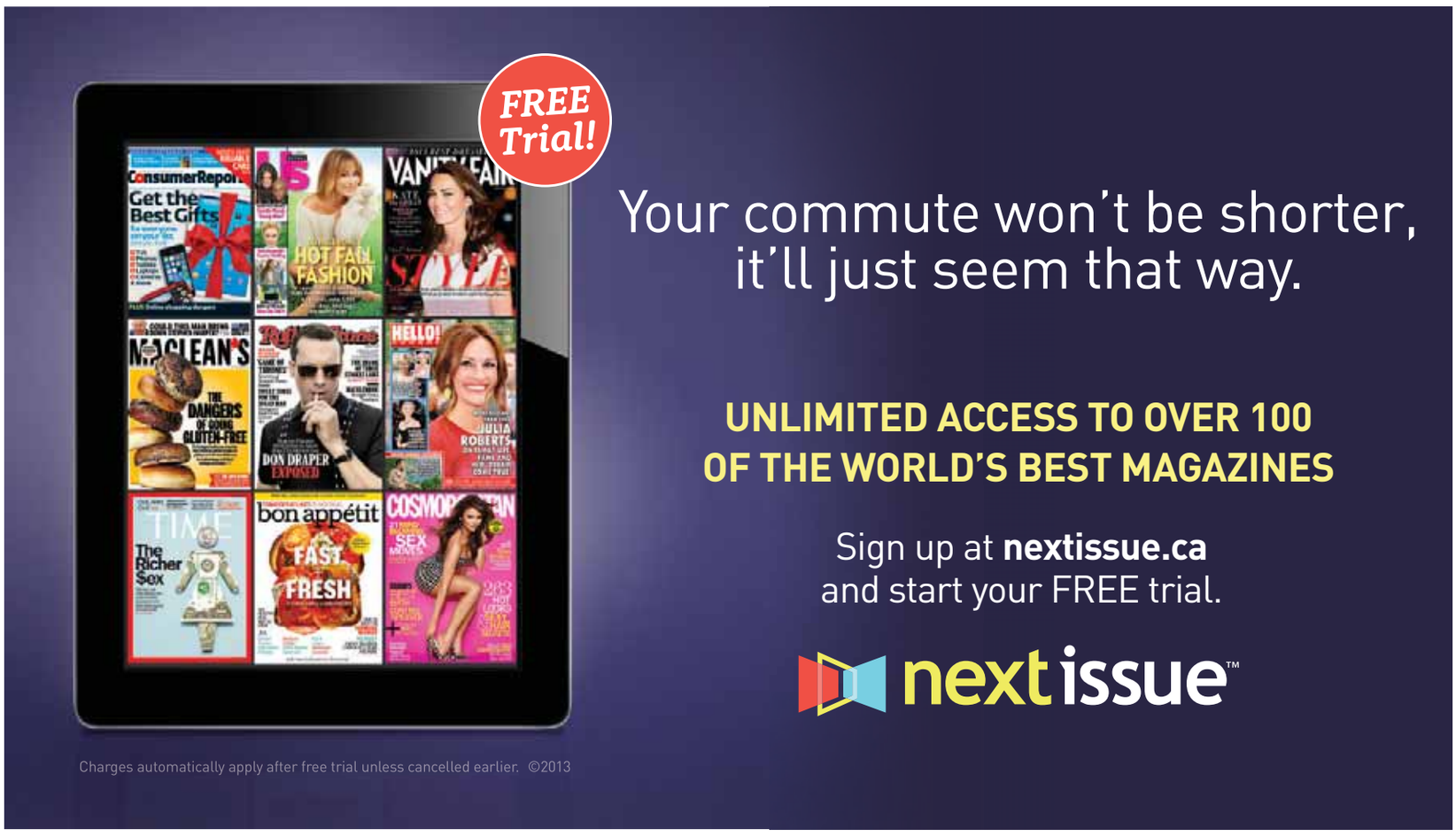
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Sheriff: Colorado school gunman threatened teacher in September

Arapahoe High School.
Teen shooter may have been nursing a grudge leading up to attack

Sean Sweeney, a runner who lives near Arapahoe High School in Centennial, Colo., pauses to say a prayer for the victims and the gunman of a shooting at the school during his early morning run on Saturday. DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Investigators believe the gunman who entered Arapahoe High School in Centennial, Colorado, on Friday was looking for a teacher with whom he had a dispute.

Karl Pierson, 18, may have been nursing a grudge against the teacher — a librarian and head of the school debate team — since September. Pierson was on the team and had been disciplined by the librarian for reasons yet to be disclosed, County Sheriff Grayson Robinson said. He said Pierson had threatened the teacher in September.

Pierson fired six shots from a pump-action shotgun between the moment he walked into Arapahoe High School and the moment he killed himself in a library as a school security officer closed in on him, Robinson said.

Arapahoe senior Claire Davis, 17, who was sitting with a friend when Pierson entered the library, was shot in the head. She remained hospitalized in critical condition Sunday.

Robinson has said investigators think Davis was shot at random by Pierson.

Pierson legally bought a shotgun on Dec. 6 at a local store, and he purchased ammunition the morning of the shootings. Anyone 18 and older is allowed to buy a shotgun in Colorado; only those over 21 can legally buy a handgun.

Pierson arrived at the school toting the shotgun and wearing the ammunition on his body. In a backpack he carried three Molotov cocktails.

Pierson managed to ignite one Molotov cocktail inside the school library before he killed himself as a fast-acting school security officer, a deputy sheriff, closed in, Robinson said.

Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper noted Sunday that Pierson was not a loner but cautioned that the investigation was in its early stages. "He didn't seem to have a mental illness," the governor said. "He had a lot of friends, he was outspoken. But again, there's no rhyme or reason. We can't — there's nothing that says, 'Ah, now I understand.'"

Pierson's attack lasted just 80 seconds but reopened scars in a community traumatized by mass shootings in nearby Denver suburbs — at Columbine High School in 1999 and an Aurora movie complex in 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Post-Columbine

Security procedures hailed by Gov.

Colorado's governor credited security procedures adopted after the 1999 massacre at Columbine High School for helping to put a quick end to Friday's shooting attack.

Gov. John Hickenlooper said that there are "strategies and protocols in place, where we had a deputy sheriff in the building who immediately ran towards the trouble."

Arapahoe High officials also instituted a lockdown, with teachers and students hiding in closets and locking doors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ticketing scheme could save police cash

A demonstrator smokes a joint on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on April 20, 2010. Police would have the option of ticketing people for some minor offences under a new plan. PAWEL DWULIT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Proposal. Officers could ticket people for offences such as trespassing, nudity

Police would have the option of ticketing people for a range of minor offences — instead of laying criminal charges — under a plan that could yield significant savings for the cash-strapped justice system.

Timothy Smith, a spokesman for the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, says the idea has emerged from discussions fostered by the federal government on curbing rising policing costs.

Under the proposal, officers would have the option of ticketing people for offences such as causing a disturbance, public nudity, falsifying an employment record, soliciting prostitution, vagrancy or trespassing.

It builds on a resolution the Chiefs of Police passed last August that would give forces the discretion to issue a ticket under the Contraventions Act for possession of a small amount of cannabis.

Last January, the federal Public Safety minister hosted a summit on the economics of policing that included officers and chiefs from across the country, government officials and academics. Officials say the cost of policing is steadily rising — hitting more than $12 billion in 2010 — even though the crime rate is falling.

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WikiLeaks documents. 13 federal departments had contracts with U.S. firm

At least 13 Canadian government agencies have had subscriptions with U.S. private intelligence firm Strategic Forecasting, Inc. or Stratfor, sometimes dubbed a shadow CIA, newly released WikiLeaks emails indicate.

Stratfor came under fire recently after a leaked company document prepared for an oil company outlined ways to counter activist groups, such as Greenpeace, who oppose Canada's oil-sands development.

The same cache of leaked emails indicates Canadian federal agencies have purchased at least half a million dollars in Stratfor services.

Emails from January 2009 and February 2011 show invoices of $13,125 and $13,725 for one-year Stratfor subscriptions for Foreign Affairs and International Trade, which were not publicly disclosed by the department.

Under proactive disclosure policy, Canadian government contracts worth more than $10,000 must be posted on the web.

Foreign Affairs spokesperson Jean-Bruno Villeneuve says there was a clerical error in not reporting the contracts.

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The home page of the Stratfor website is seen on a computer monitor in January 2012. CASSANDRA VINOGRAD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Venezuela

Bomb threat grounds Air France flight

A Paris-bound flight was rescheduled for Sunday after Venezuela grounded an Air France plane that French intelligence authorities said terrorists might have been planning to blow up. Venezuela's intelligence agency declined to comment on the threat, saying it isn't authorized to discuss the case.

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Florida

Teen charged with kidnapping

A 17-year-old faces kidnapping and carjacking charges after authorities say he stole a car with a baby inside. Daytona Beach police said their detectives spotted two stolen vehicles driving together on Friday. One had recently been stolen from a car dealership. The car stopped at a gas station where three men jumped out and took off. The baby was not injured.

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About 200,000 pro-EU activists gather in Independence Square around posters of jailed Ukrainian former prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko, in Kyiv, Sunday. SERGEI GRITS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ukrainian activists press EU demands

Four weeks strong. Protests have grown in size, intensity after two violent police dispersals

About 200,000 anti-government protesters converged on the central square of Ukraine's capital Sunday in a dramatic show of morale after nearly four weeks of daily protests, but the rally was shadowed by suggestions that their goal of closer ties with Europe may be imperiled.

A much smaller demonstration of government supporters, about 15,000, was taking place about a kilometre away from Kyiv's Independence Square. Anti-government protesters have set up an extensive tent camp there and erected barricades of snow hardened with freezing water and studded with scrap wood and junk.

U.S. senators John McCain and Chris Murphy joined the anti-government demonstration to express support for them and their European ambitions, threatening sanctions against the government of President Viktor Yanukovych if authorities use more violence to disperse the protests.

The protests began Nov. 21 after Yanukovych announced he was backing away from signing a long-awaited agreement to deepen trade and political ties with the EU and instead focus on Russia.

In the face of the protests, Ukrainian officials this week renewed talks with the EU and promised that they would sign the deal once some issues are worked out. However, EU official Stefan Fuele cast doubt on the prospect Sunday, saying on his Twitter account that work is "on hold."

Yanukovych backed off the agreement on the grounds that the EU was not providing adequate compensation to his economically struggling nation for potential trades losses with Russia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sweden

28 detained after neo-Nazi attack on demonstration

Swedish police detained 28 people Sunday after a group of neo-Nazis attacked an anti-Nazism demonstration in a Stockholm suburb by hurling bottles, torches and firecrackers.

Two people were hospitalized and a police officer was injured in the back after being hit by a heavy object, police spokesman Sven-Erik Olsson said. Olsson said around 200 people participated in the rally when they were attacked by a group of about 40. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

India. Activists protest criminalizing of gay sex

Hundreds of gay-rights activists gathered in India's capital and other cities across the country on Sunday to protest a decision by India's top court to uphold a law that criminalizes gay sex.

India's Supreme Court last week reversed a landmark 2009 lower court order that had decriminalized gay sex. The country's gay community is demanding the government take immediate action to remove the colonial-era law.

About 800 protesters in New Delhi wore black arm bands and waved rainbow-coloured flags and banners. Some people wore masks and wigs to protect their identity.

The law bans gay sex and makes it punishable by up to a decade in prison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An activist protests a verdict that upheld the criminalization of homosexuality. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gaza gets fuel as it struggles to recover from wintry storm

Floods. Lack of fuel has hampered rescue efforts in Gaza where about 40,000 residents fled flooded homes

Palestinians come to the aid of a stranded motorist in the West Bank city of Nablus on Sunday. NASSER ISHTAYEH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Gaza Strip received its first shipment of industrial fuel in 45 days on Sunday, bringing much-needed relief to the coastal territory after a winter storm dumped rare snow across the region.

The storm, which began late Wednesday and saw temperatures dip below freezing, crippled the city of Jerusalem and leaving thousands without power in Israel and the neighbouring West Bank.

Gaza, located on the Mediterranean coast, experienced its first snowfall in some 20 years, but most of the damage was caused by flooding.

The storm let up Sunday, but authorities in the region still struggled to clear roads and repair downed power lines.

Gaza has suffered from chronic fuel shortages since the Hamas militant group seized power in 2007, prompting Israel and Egypt to impose a blockade on the territory. But the situation has worsened since a coup in neighbouring Egypt last July. The country's new military rulers have tightened the blockade and destroyed a network of smuggling tunnels that were used to ship cheap fuel into the territory.

Palestinian border official Raed Fattouh said Sunday's Israeli fuel shipment was paid for by Qatar, an oil rich Gulf country that has aided Hamas in the past. Officials said Gazans would now have roughly 12 hours of electricity a day, up from the recent level of six hours.

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Central African militia seeks regime change

Anti-balaka Christian militiamen walk through a forest clearing outside Central African Republic's capital Bangui on Sunday. The leader of the Christian militia says his fighters won't stop their rebellion until President Michel Djotodia is gone from power, raising the spectre of a prolonged sectarian conflict in the country. More than 600 people have been killed since the anti-balaka movement launched a strike over Bangui last week before being pushed back. JEROME DELAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kim's aunt survives purge in N. Korea

The aunt of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has been named to an ad-hoc state committee, an indication that the execution of her husband and the country's No. 2 has not immediately diminished her influence.

The fate of Kim Kyong-hui — a younger sister of late leader Kim Jong-il, Kim Jong-un's father — was questioned after North Korea announced Friday that her husband, Jang Song-thaek, was executed for trying to overthrow the government.

Considered extremely close to her brother Kim Jong-il, Kim Kyong-hui has risen through the ranks in recent years, helping to groom Kim Jong-un as the country's next leader and eventually take over power after his father's death in late 2011.

The 67-year-old holds a slew of top posts, including ruling Workers' Party secretary and four-star army general.

Kim and Jang, who married in 1972, had a dysfunctional marriage in recent years, and their only daughter committed suicide in 2006 while studying in Paris, according to South Korean media reports.

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Nelson Mandela laid to rest

Solemnity and joy. Several thousand gather to take part in ceremonies for beloved former president and anti-apartheid hero

Nelson Mandela was buried in his home village on Sunday after a funeral that mixed ancient tribal rituals with a display of the might of the new, integrated South Africa.

Military officers rolled Mandela's flag-draped coffin to the family burial plot in the village of Qunu as formations of planes and military helicopters flew over the hills where thousands of mourners had gathered.

Unlike the public memorial on Tuesday at a stadium that was rife with problems, the funeral and burial went smoothly. The ceremonies mixed solemnity with joy at Mandela's accomplishments, lasted all morning and into the afternoon and were fit for African royalty.

Several thousand gathered in a huge white tent at the Mandela family compound for the state funeral that preceded a private service at the gravesite. Songs, speeches and the boom of artillery rang across the fields.

Mandela, who spent 27 years in jail as a prisoner of the racist white government and emerged to lead a transition to a multiracial democracy, died on Dec. 5 at the age of 95 after a long illness.

His portrait looked over the assembly in the tent from behind a bank of 95 candles representing each year of his remarkable life. His casket, transported to the tent on a gun carriage, rested on a carpet of cow skins below a lectern where speakers delivered eulogies.

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Mandela's widow, Graca Machel, wipes her eyes during the service.

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Xhosa

Tribal rituals on display in Qunu

Nelson Mandela's casket was draped in a lion skin, an ox was ritually slaughtered and a family elder kept talking to the body's spirit: The state funeral for Nelson Mandela on Sunday included these rituals from the tradition of the Xhosa tribe, to whom Mandela's Thembu clan belongs.

Mandela's coffin was wrapped in the South African flag, standing atop animal skins during the funeral in Mandela's southeastern childhood village of Qunu. The ceremony was an eclectic mix of traditional rituals, Christian elements and the military honours of a state funeral.

His body was buried around noon, "when the sun is at its highest and the shadow at its shortest," Cyril Ramaphosa, deputy leader of the African National Congress, said during the ceremony.

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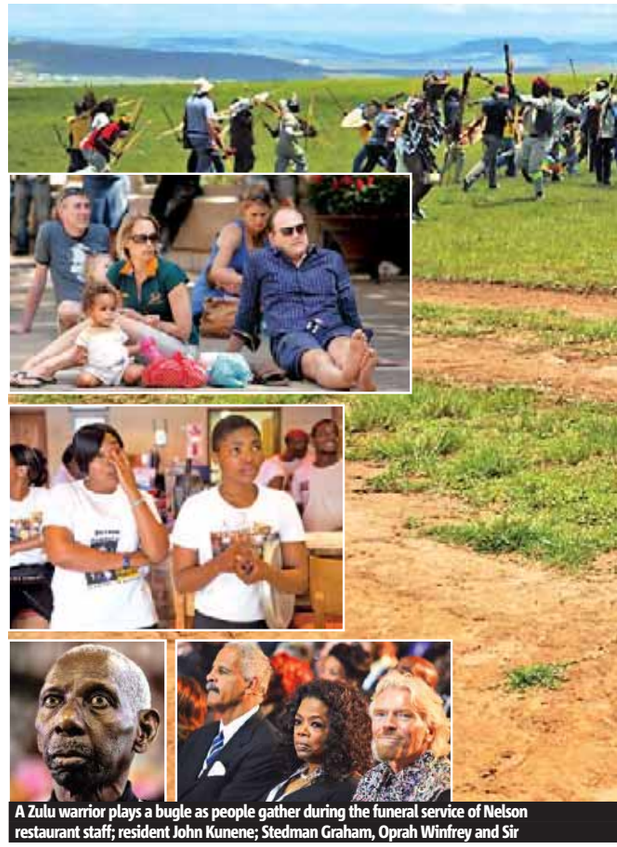

A Zulu warrior plays a bugle as people gather during the funeral service of Nelson restaurant staff; resident John Kunene; Stedman Graham, Oprah Winfrey and Sir

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Mandela in Qunu, South Africa, Sunday. Insets: Around South Africa, people stopped to watch the funeral. From top left, people in Nelson Mandela Square; Vilakazi Richard Branson; a girl at Orlando Stadium; Prince Charles speaking with Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma. ANTOINE DE RAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; INSETS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTOS

Nelson Mandela's casket is taken out of the makeshift dome where his funeral service was held in Qunu, South Africa, Sunday. ODD ANDERSEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'A great tree has fallen'

In contrast to the military pomp, some speakers evoked the traditions of the Xhosa tribe, to which Mandela's Thembu clan belongs.

- "A great tree has fallen, he is now going home to rest with his forefathers," said Chief Ngangomhlaba Matanzima, a representative of Mandela's family.
- Another speaker, Zolani Mkiva, served for many years as Mandela's praise singer, a traditional role. "The bones of our ancestors are vibrating. The waves of African oceans are reverberating," he said.

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Canada Goose spreads its wings, migrates overseas

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The head of Canada Goose is setting his sights on India and other parts of Asia as he looks beyond cold weather for future growth in the jacket business.

Dani Reiss concedes that stocking shelves in warm climates might seem unusual, but he says it makes sense for the company's high-end outerwear, which has become a fashion statement as well as a way to stay warm.

"Cold is relative. Tokyo is our best market in Asia and it never goes below zero," the chief executive said in an interview at the company's headquarters in Toronto.

Dani Reiss, chief executive of Canada Goose Inc. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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I took a crowded streetcar and a jam-packed subway to the University of Toronto last week to watch as Anne Golden and Paul Bedford explained their advisory panel's recommendations on how to fund the transit improvements the Greater Toronto Area desperately needs.

I won't lie. I was cynical. The thing about transit reports is that they're not transit. It's hard to ride them to work.

But I did come away impressed with the transit advisory panel's work. Even though their report follows closely on a comprehensive and well-reasoned Metrolinx report on the same subject from earlier this year, there are enough new ideas here to justify it as a worthwhile exercise.

The nuts-and-bolts of the recommendations call for either a five- or ten-cent hike to the Ontario gas tax, which has been frozen since it was implemented in 1992. The five-cent gas tax option would also come with a half-point increase to the HST, where the ten-cent option leaves the HST untouched.

Both options include a variety of other revenue-raising measures: Debt-financing, a small increase to corporate taxes, the redirection of existing revenue from HST collected at gas pumps, and some revenue captured from increased property values located near new transit lines.

In all cases, the new tax money would go into a separate trust, making it challenging for future governments to raid transit money to fund other programs. And the spending model is set up so that GTA residents alone would pay for GTA transit — there's no plan for residents in Timmins to subsidize the Toronto downtown elite and their fancy train rides to their Pilates classes.

The gas tax is the main revenue driver. It's not going to be popular. But it is backed by some pretty straightforward math. And who doesn't love math?

If the GTA doesn't make critical investments in transit, your commute will get a lot longer. That increase in commute times is projected to cost the average household an extra $700-per-year in fuel costs. The ten-cent gas tax increase, on the other hand, will cost the average household $260 annually — and it'll lead to investments that keep commute times from getting worse.

In other words, doing nothing will cost more.

This is a hard reality to accept, but Golden and the panel are adamant that there's no genie in a bottle ready to grant our transit wishes.

"The money has to come from somewhere," Golden explained. "This cannot be done for free."

But it needs to be done. The results of more prolonged transit debates will hurt the region both economically and socially. There's no benefit to more delay.

Having been shown the way, all that remains is for government to find the will.

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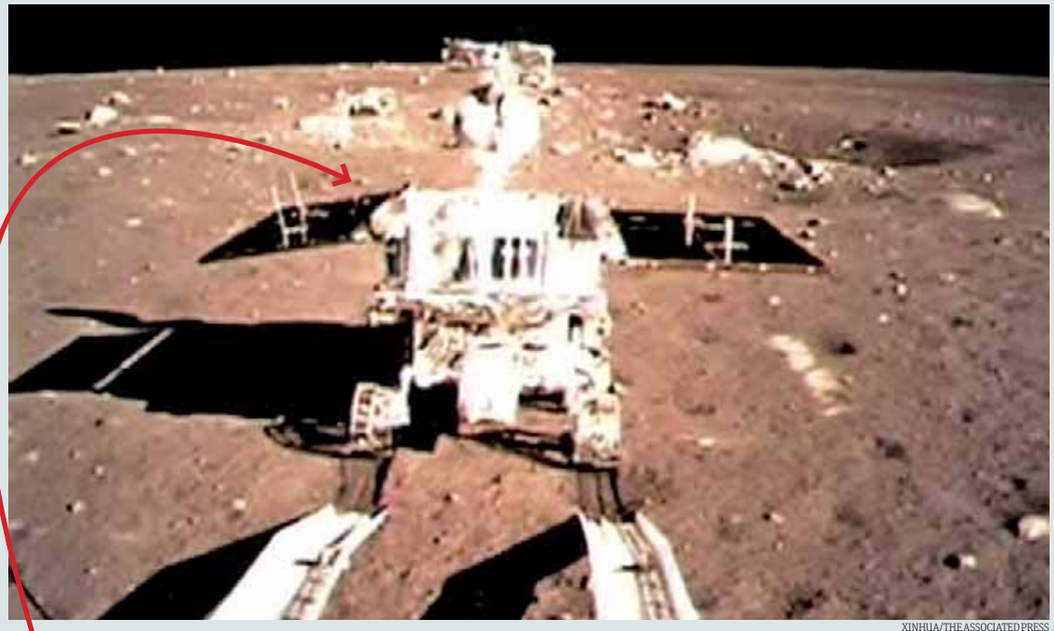

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Rover, lander snap pics of each other

In this image taken by the on-board camera of the lunar probe Chang'e-3 and made off the screen of the Beijing Aerospace Control Center in Beijing, China's first moon rover Jade Rabbit touches the lunar surface Sunday.

State broadcaster China Central Television showed images taken from the lander's camera of the rover and its shadow moving down a sloping ladder and touching the surface, setting off applause in the Beijing control centre.

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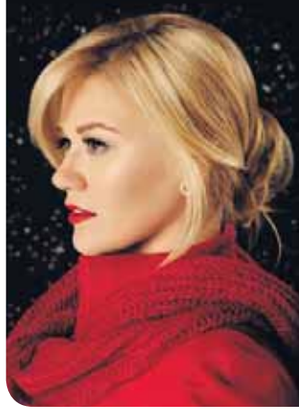

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Can you spot the real 12 Days of Christmas verse among these mondegreens? ISTOCK

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Say what? Do you really know what you're singing when it comes to Christmas carol lyrics?

Milk and spiders? Nine lazy Hansons? Sleep in heavenly peas?

It's that time of year: holiday music time. And with holiday music comes all the strange and twisted things we sometimes think we're hearing.

Mondegreens, the moniker for misheard words in song, aren't restricted to holiday standards, of course, but the old-timey language of some seems to serve as a botched-lyric magnet.

Lest you think funny turns on song lyrics are the stuff of childhoods, Missy O'Reilly knows otherwise. She's an actress, comedian and co-owner of Planet Rose, a karaoke haven on Manhattan's Lower East Side. "I'm the biggest Christmas nerd, so I'm always encouraging people to sing Christmas music," she said. "Some people are really surprised when they see what the real words are."

Look no further than Snopes.com for handy examples submitted by readers of the website that collects and debunks urban legends, folklore, myths, rumours and misinformation. Noting that mondegreens aren't parody, but words we actually think we're listening to, Snopes keeps a list of holiday gems.

For The Twelve Days of Christmas, there's "ten lawyers leaving" and "nine lazy Hansons." Later we've got "six geezers laying," along with "a paltry tin-affair tree." Those are in lieu of lords a-leaping, ladies dancing, geese a-laying and the obligatory partridge in a pear tree, FYI.

What's in a word?

What's a mondegreen? According to Grant Barrett, co-host of the public radio show A Way With Words, the word mondegreen can be traced to Sylvia Wright and a column she wrote in Harper's Magazine in 1954 titled The Death of Lady Mondegreen. Wright discovered that for years she had botched the last line of the first stanza of the Scottish folk ballad The Bonnie Earl o'Moray. How it goes, with spellings based on updates of antiquated English: "They have slain the Earl of Moray, and laid him on the green." What she heard: "They have slain the Earl of Moray, and Lady Mondegreen."

If ever you've made it to the fourth verse of Winter Wonderland, you'll be relieved to know it doesn't include "Later on milk and spiders, as we dream by the fire," but rather: "Later on we'll conspire ..."

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'Tis the season for anti-holiday films

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MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

Brazil (1985)

There's a fairly immense cottage industry of films just incidentally set during the holidays. One would be Terry Gilliam's dystopian classic, where the awakening of one shy bureaucrat (Jonathan Pryce) is contrasted with the materialistic cheer of gift-giving in a futuristic England where the rich have gotten used to frequent terrorist bombings.

Die Hard (1988) Gremlins (1985)

There's also a cottage industry of action/horror/thrillers with immense Christmas trees in the background and dead people in Santa Claus costumes. Die Hard features Bruce Willis battling Alan Rickman and posse on Christmas Eve, while Gremlins unleashes homicidal pranksters around the holidays.

The Ref (1994)

Annual holiday staples rarely come better than this nasty little number, in which a profane crook (Denis Leary) kidnaps a couple (Judy Davis and Kevin Spacey) who just happen to be on the verge of a nasty divorce. Leary tries to intervene with his Bill Hicknockoff shtick, but eventually even he can't compete with his captors' near-Ingmar Bergman-esque pain, only with far more cussing.

Eyes Wide Shut (1999)

Stanley Kubrick had Jack Nicholson unraveling over a long winter break in The Shining. Why not try it with Tom Cruise? After getting high with his wife (Nicole Kidman) results in her confessing that she's lusted for others, Cruise heads out into the night for a series of adventures, leading to a tony masked orgy outside of NYC limits.

A Christmas Tale (2008)

French filmmaker Arnaud Desplechin's (Kings and Queen) contribution to the holidays is an epic of dysfunction, only with a family who've gotten used to not getting along and have reached some kind of brittle compromise. Fists fly, everyone drinks too much and there's even some sex, but that's how this family rolls.

White Reindeer (2013)

Christmas fanatic Anna Margaret Hollyman comes home to find her husband lying on the ground, his head bludgeoned by robbers. She starts questioning the suburban persona she's crafted over the years, especially once she befriends the stripper her husband used to frequent. Happy holidays!

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Rossellini gets down and dirty with bugs

Science and art.
Actress takes her wild and weird two-minute films to the stage

Isabella Rossellini is very popular these days with her show that sounds like it should be dull. After all, it's a scientific theatre piece about animals.

"It's also about sex," says Rossellini, laughing. "That's what makes it popular. If it was about the digestive system, I don't think anyone would enjoy it as much."

Rossellini, 61, has transformed her 40-odd Green Porno short films into an hour-long stage show, giving the actress a chance to go more in depth with some of the animal kingdom's weirdest inhabitants.

Her two-minute films were a web sensation, offering morsels about the reproductive habits of insects and ocean life and a clever dose of low-budget filmmaking, including paper costumes.

It was a kick watching the daughter of Ingrid Bergman and Roberto Rossellini talk about the lusty behaviour of bugs, shrimp and starfish in her sexy European accent. "I don't think I'm bad-looking as a worm or as an anchovy," she says, and she's right.

The stage show is structured like a lecture that goes a bit looney — Rossellini's podium will house various puppets and tricks — she makes three costume changes and some of her short films will be broadcast on a screen. It's all grounded in hard science — Rossellini is earning a master's in animal behaviour and conservation at Hunter College.

The show is at the Brooklyn Academy of Music from Jan. 16-25. after stops in France, central Italy, Switzerland, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle. (She has memorized it in French, Italian and English). She takes it to Australia in March.

Isabella Rossellini
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One thing the one-woman show offers is a chance for Rossellini to delve into richer areas, as she does when she notes that recent studies find that hundreds of species display homosexual behaviour.

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The Coen brothers return to 1960s NYC

Inside Llewyn Davis. The filmmaking duo talk about how to create a film's feel

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

With Inside Llewyn Davis, directors Joel and Ethan Coen return to the New York City of the early 1960s, a place and time they haven't visited since The Hudsucker Proxy in 1994. They're not big fans of repeating themselves, after all — though still might have a Barton Fink sequel up their sleeves.

You've said Inside Llewyn Davis might be your last film actually shot on film.
Joel: No, yeah, we don't know. It's sort of an evolving thing because we don't know what we're doing next, we don't know where the technology's going to be at. It's possible, I guess. Certainly that's the way the business is going. People are still shooting on film, though. It's kind of our preference.

It's interesting how film is becoming a sort of luxury choice for shooting.
Joel: You know, honestly, people say that but I don't think it's more expensive because I think that there's a rule in show business that any savings that could be realized from new technology, the business conspires to absorb those things and make it cost just as much as the old way of doing things. I don't actually think it's more economical. There may be other advantages, though.

One thing I noticed, as a longtime fan of The Hudsucker Proxy, is that movie took place in the same city maybe a year or two before this one.
Ethan: Yeah, it's true! Our other New York movie. That's about the same time. We've written another one that takes place in 1962 in New York.

Joel: But that's true, Hudsucker was around the same time. But Norville wasn't going down to the Village. We did have a juice and coffee bar [scene], though.

They're very different films, stylistically, but it got me thinking about laying your films out chronologically and watching them.
Joel: That's kind of interesting. So what would be the earliest? I guess True Grit, then Miller's Crossing. Then O Brother [Where Art Thou], then…

Ethan: Barton Fink, which was 1941.

How much does the decade a story takes place go into the decision-making about a project?
Ethan: It goes into the identity of the project. It's not something you kind of consider in isolation from it. You're thinking about a story, its characters who occupy a particular setting. So the setting is a time and place. It's all one big mush.

Joel: Yeah, it's a big mush. But it's important. It's part of what stimulates you in terms of thinking about the story.

Ethan: It's only the most obvious way to make the point, but you could say it about each of them. Miller's Crossing, they're characters, kind of gangsters, who would only be there then. The characters wouldn't make sense in another setting.

And I guess folk singers in New York, there's a limited time that makes sense.
Ethan: Yes. (laughs)

Joel: Then, for instance, people are always asking us if we would ever do a sequel to one of our movies, and the only one that has ever been interesting to us is actually doing a movie called Old Fink, which would be [Barton] Fink during 1967, the Summer of Love in San Francisco, when he's older and a professor at Berkeley.

Ethan: We're waiting for John Turturro to get old enough. You don't want to do one of those makeup jobs, you know?

Joel: I think he's getting pretty close.

Ethan: He is actually getting pretty close.

Hollywood brief

Peter O'Toole dies after long illness

Peter O'Toole, the charismatic actor who achieved instant stardom as Lawrence of Arabia and was nominated eight times for an Academy Award, has died. He was 81. O'Toole's agent Steve Kenis says the actor died Saturday at a hospital following a long illness.

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Inside Llewyn Davis, starring Oscar Isaac, opens on Friday. CONTRIBUTED

Steven Van Zandt is still a tough guy on Lilyhammer

Interview. The man who never wanted to be the Sopranos' boss dishes on the Boss and the changing nature of television

ALEXANDRA CAVALLO
Metro World News

Depending on where their interests lie, most people probably know Steven Van Zandt as Tony Soprano's main man Silvio or Bruce Springsteen's main man and longtime guitarist for the Boss's E Street Band.

These days, however, Van Zandt has a whole new gig, playing — you guessed it — a New York mafioso hiding out in Norway on Netflix's Lilyhammer. Van Zandt produces, writes and stars in the show, which was Netflix's first original series, paving the way for the likes of House of Cards and Orange is the New Black.

We got Van Zandt, who just might be the busiest man in show biz, on the line to talk TV, music and mobsters

How do you feel that new platforms like Netflix are changing the game for television?
Well, you have this idea of a global network. You picture five years down the road, they're going to have a lot of territories, which means it's going to be one stop shopping for content creators, which is a wonderful new concept. And I believe they're the first of what I believe is going to be a whole new series of global, digitally distributed networks. You know, I believe there will be a Google TV, and an Apple TV. Who knows who? In the end, what's going to distinguish one network from another is the original content. So I think we'll see that in the next five years or so, they're just a little bit ahead of the game. And I think putting all the episodes up at once is a little bit ahead of everybody else, and is very much how people watch things now.

So how did you end up playing a mobster again? Is it a writing what you know sort of thing?
No, no. I had no intention of doing that. But it happens to be something I know a lot about, so it saved me a whole lot of research. But, no, this brilliant husband-and-wife found me — I was producing a Norwegian band that's on my label in Bergen, Norway — and they said 'listen, we have an idea' and in one sentence it was 'Norwegian, gangster, Lilyhammer' and I just thought a bunch of things simultaneously. One of which was, I can't possibly do this, I just played a gangster for 10 years. And soon after that I thought, this is a terrific idea.

Was it difficult, at first, playing Frank differently than you played Silvio?
No, I really do an extensive biography of the guy and what his whole thing and history and likes and dislikes are. And it was really obvious to me that Silvio was the only guy on Sopranos who didn't want to be the boss. But this guy really is a boss, and much more outgoing and much less having to be concerned over his job.

Steve Van Zandt . HANDOUT

Do you find it hard convincing people you're a nice guy, always playing mobsters?
(Laughs) No,because I'm not. I'm not a particularly nice guy actually!

I understand you had to take time off from touring with Springsteen to film this new season, and Tom Morello (of Audioslave/Rage Against the Machine) filled in for you. Was it hard to give that up?
No, no, not really. It was unfortunate, but I feel lucky that my life doesn't overlap more than it does, actually. Just that last tour alone, which was a two year tour, I did a second season of Lilyhammer and I directed a Broadway show for the Rascals, in addition to my radio show and everything else — and that was while I was on tour.

I feel like Springsteen has gotten more prolific than ever, in his old age. Do you think he has a ton more albums left in him?
I don't see him slowing down at all, you're right. I agree with you. You know, maybe not quite as crazy prolific as .... writing 80 songs for each record, you know, literally. But he certainly always has an album in his pocket; he usually has two.

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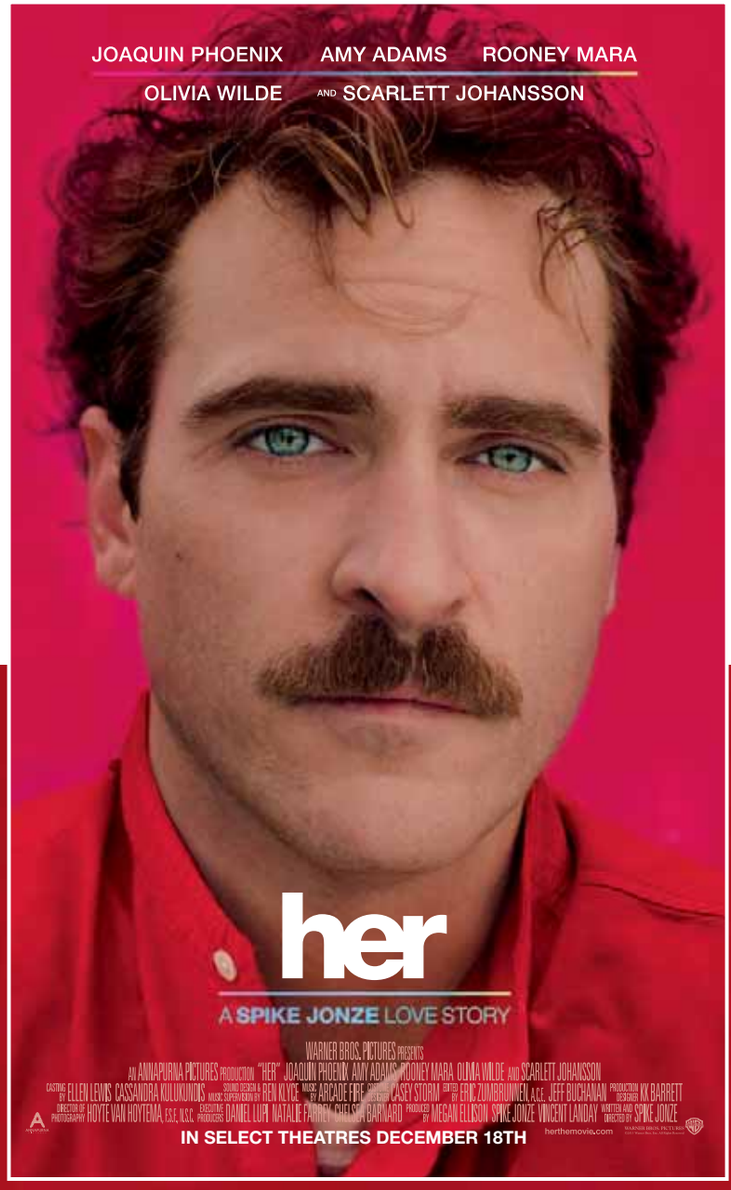

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Beyoncé's album surprises everyone

New album Beyoncé. Announced and released on the same day, the star's latest offering generates so much chatter on Twitter it breaks record

Beyoncé . AP PHOTO

Beyoncé has released her new album in an unconventional way: She announced and dropped it on the same day.

The singer released Beyoncé exclusively on iTunes early Friday. She mirrors how Jay Z released Magna Carta Holy Grail earlier this year — through a deal with Samsung where he gave the album to 1 million users of Galaxy mobile phones days before its official release.

Beyoncé's fifth effort features 14 songs and 17 videos. Jay Z, Drake and Frank Ocean make guest appearances on the album, while the closing track, Blue, features her daughter, Blue Ivy. Justin Timberlake co-wrote the songs Rocket and Partition, and Pharrell, Timbaland, Ryan Tedder, Miguel and Sia also co-wrote tracks.

The album caused a stir on social media websites, with fans posting about the release early Friday morning. Twitter said Beyoncé's album release generated over 1.2 million tweets in 12 hours, with a tweets-per-minute spike of 5,300. The tweets-per-minute count around the album surpassed the record set when the Syfy TV movie Sharknado aired in July, Twitter added.

Billboard said Friday that "Beyoncé" will likely debut on top of its charts next week.

"Our early numbers are showing that this is likely heading toward a No. 1 debut on the Billboard 200 albums chart with only three days of the tracking week," said Bill Werde, the editor of Billboard. Billboard closes the tracking week on Sundays, and typical albums are released on Monday or Tuesday. On Friday afternoon, the explicit and clean versions of "Beyoncé" ranked No. 1 and No. 2 on the iTunes albums chart. Along with Beyoncé and Jay Z, other leaders in pop music have released albums in new ways recently: For her Red album last year, Taylor Swift had partnerships with Target, Walgreens and Papa John's; and Lady Gaga sold 440,000 copies of her Born This Way album on Amazon for just 99 cents when it was on sale for two days in 2011, helping the album sell 1.1 million in its debut week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lindsay Lohan.
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Lohan getting back to her old ways

Allegedly ordering friends to beat up Barron Hilton appears to be just a small part of Lindsay Lohan's wild week in Miami for Art Basel, as the troubled post-rehab starlet reportedly "threw tantrums all week," according to Radar Online.

"Lindsay was a mess at every event at Art Basel," a source says.

So what had Lohan so in a state? Run-ins with the Miami-based ex-girlfriend of Morgan O'Connor, the 18-year-old model Lohan has been dating.

"Lindsay had a tantrum when she would see Morgan's ex-girlfriend at events," a source explains.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Britney Spears wants to ruin yet another life

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Britney Spears says she really wants to have a baby girl, a "mini-me," so she won't feel as alone in the world anymore. She did, however, also say that it's not just that she's selfish or anything and that having a baby is also "a good excuse to buy Skittles."

Scandal's Season 3 has been shortened due to Kerry Washington's preg-

nancy. And they couldn't just give us four episodes of Cyrus and Mellie scheming while pretending Olivia got caught by B-613? #dearthofgoodideas #bitterbitterfan.

At this year's Jingle Ball Miley Cyrus twerked with Santa Claus and Selena Gomez cursed and angrily walked off stage. Sadly, Justin Bieber and his No-pants Elf Dancers couldn't make it.

After all the bad reviews of her performance in The Sound of Music Live!, Carrie Underwood tweeted, "Plain and simple: Mean people need Jesus...." Said Jesus, "Well sure, but you must remember, Carrie, that critique does not equal meanness. Also, that rust-coloured dress sure didn't do you any favours."

MTV names Miley Cyrus Artist of the Year. We're so very, very sorry, Franz von Schneiderlick. You will just have to continue making your impressionist straw tableaux in obscurity.

Beckham's kids want to get tattoos

David Beckham is learning the hard way that dissuading your kids from getting tattoos is particularly difficult when you yourself have more than 30 pieces on your body.

"They've already said they're having tattoos done," Beckham told Jonathan Ross during an interview.

"And I said, 'Well, be different. Don't have any tattoos.' They said, 'No, we're going to have one. We're going to have Mum and Dad.' So I can't really say no to that."

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Stop by the dollar store and pick up basic arts and crafts supplies. Non-permanent markers and construction paper are great for making decorations.

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Cookies, gifts and...meditation?

Q&A. The big man in red is exceptionally busy around this time of year, what with toy-making and list-checking — but he did find a few minutes to chat with us

Santa says oatmeal raisin cookies are great but he'll skip the eggnog. ISTOCK

Greetings, Santa! We're so grateful to speak with you, considering how hectic your schedule must be right now.
It's the most wonderful time of the year! And it is busy, but it is always a delight to talk to you.

How do you manage your time?
That's one of the most difficult things about the job — that it does take a lot of time and energy, focus, concentration, meditation and prayers.

Santa meditates?
Of course — everyone should have meditation. It's the moments of thinking of nothing that so many wonderful joyous things come. It's kind of a gift that I give to myself as Santa, that I'm able to take a moment and turn the lights down and light my magical candle and think.

We bet Mrs. Claus loves to see you in a relaxed state.
Even at this time of year, Mrs. Claus and the elves are extremely busy. They're keeping up with me, being sure that I have my food, my time, and keeping the list on who's naughty and nice...

Say, what kinds of cookies should we leave out for you on Christmas Eve?
I'm trying to lean toward oatmeal and raisin — it's a little healthier for me. I'm trying to watch my weight. Otherwise, how could I ever get down all those chimneys? And I would suggest carrots for the reindeer, although they are leaning heavily toward candy corn. [And] skim milk all the way! (Laughs)

Should we leave you some eggnog too?
I'll be driving so I'll have to pass.

You've likely got lots of people to visit. How many letters do you think you'll receive this year?
Millions. I'm already getting letters from children who tell me what they want. And some of the most wonderful letters include the whole family — my brother wants this, my mom, my dad [want this]. Even if you're on the naughty list, you have a little bit of time left.

So how can someone on the naughty list end up on the nice list?
By being nice. If you're a child, by being respectful and obedient. If you're an adult, by helping someone, by being nice. It's very important.

We want to know how you spend your time when you're not working. For example, how do you spend your summers?
I enjoy fishing. We have some wonderful fishing up in the North Pole toward southern Alaska.

And what do you do the day after Christmas?
I'll go back to the North Pole, collect the elves and the reindeer and we'll settle down for a nice, long winter's nap. [Then we start working again] as soon as I wake up. When you love what you do, you never have to worry about working because it's a joy. We start to think about the toys for next year.
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Cherry-White Chocolate Drop Cookies: Beat the baking guilt

This recipe makes two dozen cookies. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

At this time of year, we are constantly reminded that happy families are supposed to have special bonding moments while baking luscious holiday treats. If we really loved our children, we'd be delighted by the mess they make while dumping flour on the floor and spilling raw eggs down the side of the stove.

And so begins the guilt. Not only are we supposed to be baking, we're also supposed to be enjoying it.

To attempt to assuage the guilt, try these one-bowl cookies.

Ingredients

- 2 sticks (1 cup) butter, softened
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp almond extract
- 1/4 cup milk
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 cup dried cherries
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 1 cup white chocolate chips

1. Heat the oven to 375 F. Line 2 baking sheets with kitchen parchment.

2. In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the butter and both sugars until fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the egg, almond extract and milk, then mix well. Add the flour and baking soda, then mix just until the dry ingredients are well mixed in. Mix in the cherries, cranberries and chocolate chips.

3. Drop the dough in 2-tablespoon mounds on the prepared baking sheets, leaving 2 inches between them. Bake, in batches if necessary, for 12 to 14 minutes, or until just lightly browned at the edges and still slightly soft at the centre. Leave on the baking sheet for 2 minutes, then use a spatula to transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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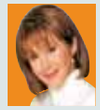

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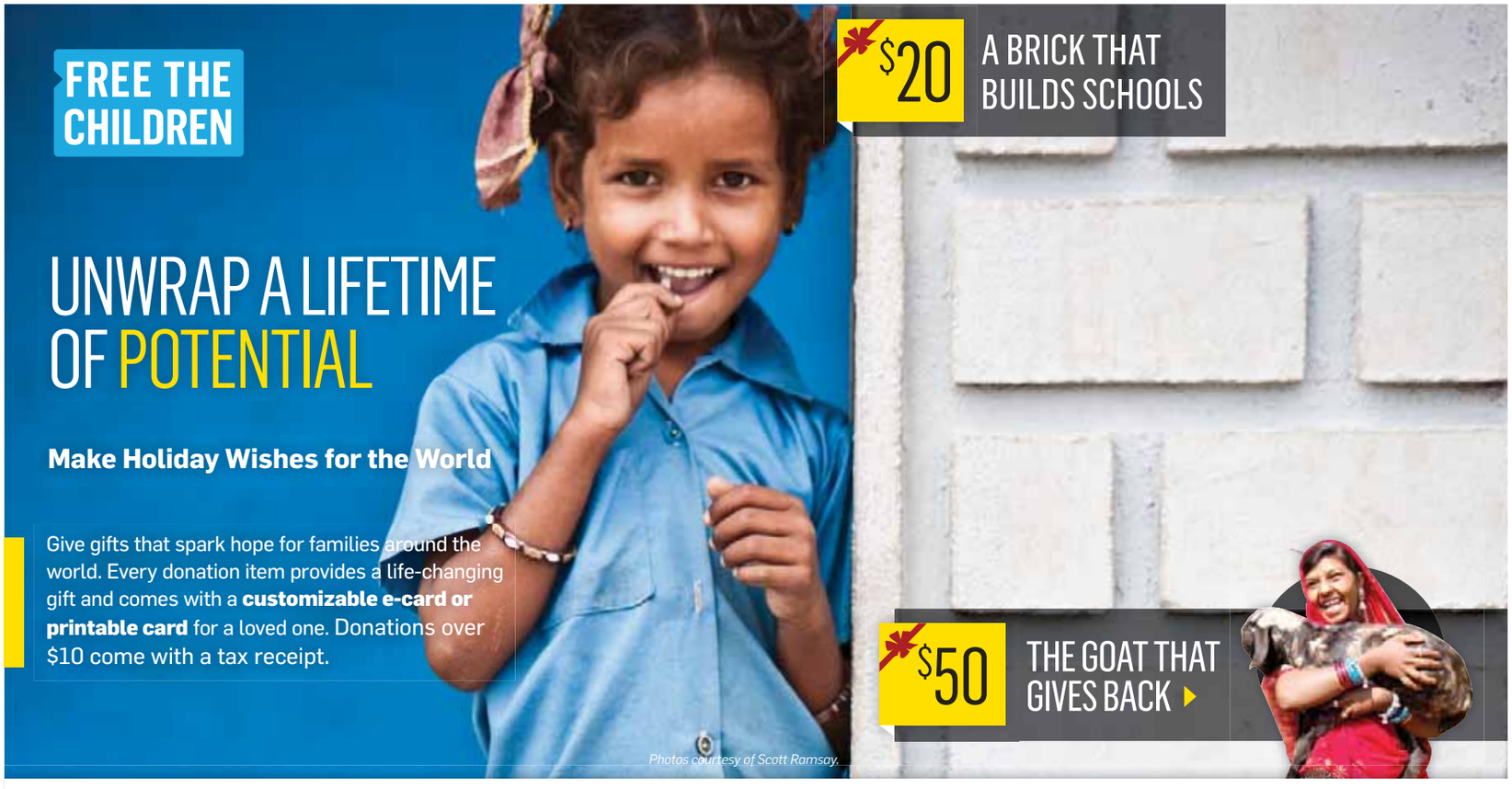
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I want money, that's what I want. Post-secondary students are increasingly trading in dreams for paychecks

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In this day and age, laying back and letting a great job come to you is much less of an option. ISTOCK

Satisfaction in the pocketbook is trumping personal fulfillment for incoming college freshmen, according to a new study.

ACT, the nonprofit testing company that helps students prepare for college, released a report last month regarding how today's students choose a major. It found that close to a third of incoming freshmen are enrolling not in a field that interests them, but rather one that will help them land steady, well-paying jobs after graduation.

It sounds like a practical — though less than exciting — college plan, but that doesn't mean it's a wise move.

This isn't the first time this trend has surfaced. "It's interesting that this phenomenon is happening again," says organizational psychologist Dr. Billie Blair. "It was a prevalent practice 20 to 30 years ago when so many were encouraged to go into medicine because of the excellent pay."

A steady paycheck is a wonderful thing, especially right out of college. It's important for freshmen to remember, too, that their sanity and happiness also come into play when choosing a major.

"No doubt about it, in today's economic environment students need to be practical in selecting majors," states Carol A. Sitterly, dean for academic success at American International College.

"But they also need to select majors and career fields that they can feel passionate about over the next 40 years of their working life."

Keeping that passion alive and active isn't always easy when graduates are struggling to find work. Like so many things in life, being able to strike the right balance can make all the difference.

"The critical question is whether [students] can find a space in that world that they are good at and that they can get excited about even as they chase a paycheck," says Rita McGrath, associate professor at Columbia Business School.

McGrath reminds us that no matter how much time a student puts into the decision-making process, things can change while at school. "Very few students find that their careers unfold as they predicted, so the choice of major is probably a much smaller determinant of ultimate outcomes than we might assume," she says.

Making ends meet

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Switching majors

The dreams versus paychecks debate isn't just for incoming students, it also affects current students who are thinking about changing majors.

- The best way to figure it out is with the resources that are already available. "Students thinking about changing majors should take an interest inventory and talk with an academic or career adviser about what jobs match their interests," says Sitterly.

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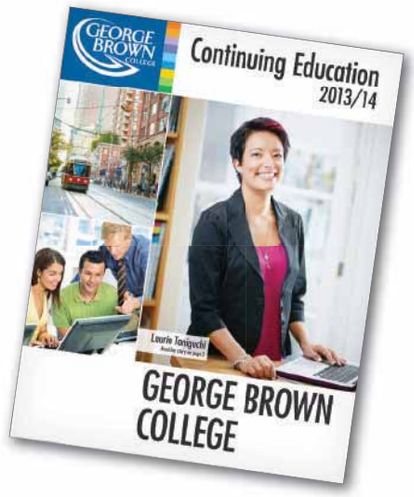

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'Round the world wisdom

The straightest path may not be the fastest

The severe market crash in October 2008 changed my life. I started running to regain my health, both emotional and physical. Shortly after I took my first steps, I ran the Gobi March in China in June '09, followed by the Atacama Crossing in Chile in '10 and the Sahara Race in Egypt in '11. In this post, I share a lesson about life, learned from the desert.

LESSONS FROM THE DESERT
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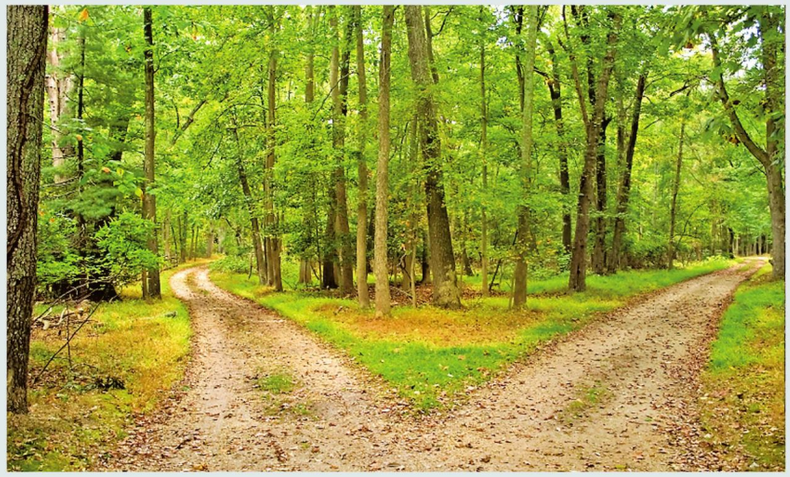

The simplest path between two points is a straight line. While mathematically true, in life this is rarely the case. Up and downs, twists and turns, that's the norm we all know. In desert running, where you'd think the shortest path would be the one most advantageous, often times it isn't. In running, as in life, while one path may seem harder, longer or more difficult, it may be the one that pays the most rewards.

When facing the Sahara Desert I was advised to carefully pick my running lines and avoid simply darting ahead. The desert course we ran had signal flags roughly every 100m, so that racers knew the specific direction to be followed. Unlike the rocky desert terrain of the Gobi or the Atacama deserts where I had excelled, the Sahara's sand was soft and its dunes windswept daily.

Now, instead of running the shortest distance, I would now be scanning to calculate my path of least resistance: Which side of the sand dune was wind packed? Which side was sun-baked with firm, vein-like grooves? Where might there be rock sediments I could run on with a hardened surface? I ran a longer route and was a degree off course for most of the race, but it paved a swift arrival to the finish line.

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Bringing teaching to the tablet

School on a screen.
One in three kids using iPads in class admit to playing games: Canadian study

A third of Quebec students surveyed about using iPads in class admitted to playing games during school hours and an astounding 99 per cent said they found the gadgets distracting, suggests a new study based on the experiences of more than 6,000 tablet-toting kids.

But even though just a few students said they felt a tablet helped them learn better, the report's co-authors still concluded that schools should invest in the technology, although cautiously.

Researchers surveyed 6,057 students, who were enrolled in Grades 6 through 10, and 302 teachers about their experiences so far in using tablets daily in the classroom.

The report concludes that outfitting large numbers of students with costly tablets is a worthwhile endeavour, provided that teachers are well prepared and trained for the radical shift in delivering their lesson plans.

iPositives

- When teachers were asked about the benefits of using iPads in class, about half said it opened up better access to information, 40 per cent cited the easy portability of the devices, and about a third said it allowed for greater collaboration.

"It would appear that incorporating the iPad into education constitutes a necessary risk for schools, and that this technological tool has breathtaking cognitive potential," states the report.

But co-author Thierry Karsenti noted that so far, teachers have generally not been well prepared to teach with tablets.

The report notes that 70 per cent of the teachers surveyed said they had "never or very rarely" used an iPad before they were introduced into their classrooms, versus 53.6 per cent of their students.

"Some of the teachers were getting the iPad on the first day of school with their students, can you imagine? All the students were on Facebook, Twitter and the teachers were like, 'Oh my God, this is not working,' and blaming the technology because he or she was not ready," said Karsenti, the Canada research chair for information and communication technologies in education.

"You have teachers who are fully unaware of what's going on in the classroom, they're sitting reading their notes and the students are doing whatever they want."

The report notes that a "surprising" number of students — more than one in three — admitted to playing games in class, sometimes with their teachers' permission after an assignment or task was completed.

Will iPads be the next school desk staple? ISTOCK

Researchers were also surprised that, in some ways, the tablet technology wasn't been used to its full potential. Students said they did relatively little reading on their tablets and were still using paper textbooks, while many assignments were still be submitted on paper rather than electronically.

About 85 per cent of the students said they never or rarely used the iPad to prepare written work.

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The Dolphins' Michael Thomas celebrates a win-clinching interception against the Patriots in Miami on Sunday. MIKE EHRMANN/GETTY IMAGES

Fins in focus in AFC wild-card picture

NFL. After thwarting another Pats comeback with third-straight win, Miami sits in final playoff position

Desperate to stop Tom Brady's latest comeback bid, the Miami Dolphins sought help from a reserve safety making his NFL debut after being signed Tuesday off the San Francisco 49ers' practice squad.

Michael Thomas came through, intercepting Brady's fourth-down pass in the end zone with two seconds left Sunday to seal a seesaw 24-20 victory over the New England Patriots.

Thomas celebrated by flopping to his back and was swarmed by his new teammates.

"I didn't know what his first name was," defensive tackle Jared Odrick said. "That's being thrown in the fire and reacting. That's a pure athlete."

The Dolphins (8-6) won their third game in a row to help their AFC wild-card chances. They also snapped a streak of seven consecutive losses to the Patriots (10-4), who missed a chance to clinch their fifth consecutive AFC East title.

Miami's breakthrough win left even stoic second-year coach Joe Philbin in a mood to celebrate.

"I might jump in my pool," he said. "I've been in it once since I've been here."

Brady threw for 364 yards, but was frustrated by a succession of squandered scoring chances. His counterpart Ryan Tannehill shook off four sacks to throw for 312 yards and three touchdowns, including a 14-yarder to Marcus Thigpen with 1:15 left that provided the winning margin.

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Seahawks shut out Giants

The Seattle Seahawks picked off five Eli Manning passes and manhandled the New York Giants 23-0 Sunday.

- The Seahawks (12-2) have won six times on the road, a franchise best. They're closing in on the NFC West title and their best overall record of 13-3 they achieved in 2005.

NFL

Manuel scores 3 TDs to tame Jags

EJ Manuel threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score, leading the Buffalo Bills to a 27-20 victory against the banged-up Jacksonville Jaguars on Sunday.

Manuel bounced back from the worst game of his rookie season — a four-interception performance at Tampa Bay last week — and left the Sunshine State with his first win in five road starts.

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AHL

Marlies melt IceCaps' streak

David Broll picked up the winner as Toronto edged St. John's 3-2 in American Hockey League action Sunday.

The win is the Marlies' (14-9-1) second this season over the IceCaps, (15-11-3) who saw their three-game win streak snapped in the loss.

Carter Ashton and Brad Ross had the other goals for Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA

Gay announces arrival with win

Rudy Gay scored 26 points in his first home game since being traded by Toronto, leading the Sacramento Kings past the Houston Rockets 106-91 Sunday night.

Gay added five rebounds and four assists. He finished 10-for-20 shooting for the Kings, who had lost eight of their past 10 games.

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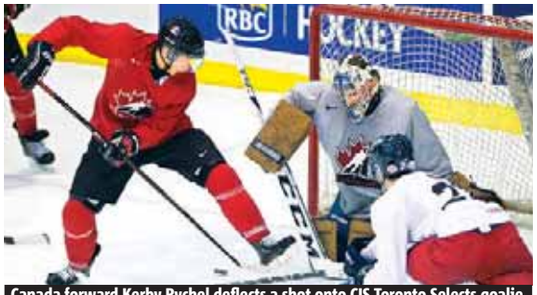
Questions follow Canada's junior team



Canada forward Kerby Rychel deflects a shot onto CIS Toronto Selects goalie Garrett Sheehan during exhibition action in Toronto on Saturday.
NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

An eager group of 25 players broke camp Sunday and got ready to head overseas for final preparations for the world junior hockey championship.

But only 22 will still be there when the tournament opens Dec. 26 in Malmo, Sweden.

Coach Brent Sutter said the final cuts — one defenceman and two forwards — will be decided on many factors, including injuries.

"They're not easy decisions, but the reality is we've got a couple or three guys banged up and we're not exactly sure," said Sutter. "Hopefully they can skate when we get over there.

"Whether they'll be ready for the first exhibition game, we're not sure. All these guys deserve to be able to push to get on the team and they're going to have a few more days to do so."

The team will play three pre-tournament games — Friday against Finland, Sunday against Sweden and the following day against Switzerland. Sutter hopes to make the cuts after the first exhibition game so he can use the full squad for the last two.

The key question is high-scoring winger Jonathan Drouin, who is recovering from a concussion but who expects to resume skating when the team arrives in Sweden on Monday.

Another is rushing defenceman Josh Morrissey, who has been nagged by an undisclosed injury for a month but who expects to be able to practise this week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Is Fleury ready for a return to Team Canada?

'It's still on my mind.'
Rebounding Penguins' goalie hopeful of a spot in the squad for Sochi

Marc-Andre Fleury is not looking back.

But he is not ignoring his meltdowns and failures of the past two playoffs that had folks wondering whether he was finished as an elite goaltender.

Instead, he embraced them as he maintained a positive attitude and embraced a new goalie coach to turn around his career and rejoin the conversation of whether he might be on Team Canada.

"You've got to learn when you go through tough times," said Fleury.

Penguins' goalie Marc-Andre Fleury
BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

The Pittsburgh Penguins goalie had been on a downward spiral the last two seasons, unable to stop a beach ball in the Pittsburgh net in the playoffs. He even lost his starting job to Tomas Vokoun.

There were many questions about Fleury at the start of the season. If he didn't rebound, the Penguins could flounder, especially after losing Vokoun, out with blood clots.

Fleury is at or near the top of most categories goalies care about: leading in wins (18), third in games started (28), and minutes played (1,640) seventh in goals-against average (2.01) and 15th in save percentage (.924).

"In my opinion, should they (Team Canada) consider him?

"Absolutely," says Penguins' coach Dan Bylsma.

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NHL

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ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	33	22	9	2	92	70	46
Montreal	35	20	12	3	88	75	43
Tampa Bay	33	19	11	3	90	80	41
Detroit	35	15	11	9	89	94	39
Toronto	34	17	14	3	97	99	37
Ottawa	34	13	15	6	96	111	32
Florida	34	12	17	5	78	109	29
Buffalo	33	7	23	3	55	96	17

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	34	23	10	1	105	74	47
Washington	33	18	12	3	105	97	39
Carolina	34	14	13	7	79	94	35
Columbus	33	14	15	4	85	92	32
Philadelphia	33	14	15	4	76	91	32
New Jersey	34	13	15	6	78	85	32
NY Rangers	33	15	17	1	72	88	31
NY Islanders	34	9	19	6	83	118	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	35	23	7	5	132	100	51
St. Louis	31	22	6	3	110	73	47
Colorado	31	21	9	1	88	73	43
Minnesota	35	19	11	5	81	81	43
Dallas	31	15	11	5	90	93	35
Nashville	33	16	14	3	77	92	35
Winnipeg	34	14	15	5	90	100	33

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	34	22	7	5	108	87	49
Los Angeles	33	22	7	4	93	65	48
San Jose	33	20	7	6	108	82	46
Vancouver	35	20	10	5	98	83	45
Phoenix	32	18	9	5	104	100	41
Calgary	32	13	15	4	83	102	30
Edmonton	34	11	20	3	91	117	25

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Sunday's results
Washington 5 Philadelphia 4 (SO)
Tampa Bay 3 Detroit 0
Florida 2 Montreal 1
Calgary at NY Rangers
Los Angeles at Chicago
Edmonton at Anaheim
Saturday's results
Calgary 2 Buffalo 1 (OT)
Los Angeles 5 Ottawa 2
Dallas 6 Winnipeg 4
Toronto 7 Chicago 3
St. Louis 4 Columbus 3 (OT)
Pittsburgh 4 Detroit 1
New Jersey 3 Tampa Bay 0
Montreal 1 NY Islanders 0 (OT)
Carolina 3 Phoenix 1
Nashville 3 San Jose 2
Minnesota 2 Colorado 1 (SO)
Vancouver 6 Boston 2
Monday's games — All Times Eastern
Winnipeg at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Colorado, 9 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pts
Crosby, Pgh	18	28	46
Kane, Chi	19	25	44
Malkin, Pgh	9	32	41
Getzlaf, Ana	16	22	38
Tavares, NYI	13	24	37
Perry, Ana	21	15	36
Ovechkin, Wash	26	9	35
Steen, StL	22	13	35

Not including last night's games

NFL

WEEK 15

Sunday's results
Chicago 38 Cleveland 31
Buffalo 27 Jacksonville 20
Atlanta 27 Washington 26
San Francisco 33 Tampa Bay 14
Seattle 23 N.Y. Giants 0
Minnesota 48 Philadelphia 30
Miami 24 New England 20
Indianapolis 25 Houston 3
Carolina 30 N.Y. Jets 20
Kansas City 56 Oakland 31
Arizona 37 Tennessee 34 (OT)
St. Louis 27 New Orleans 16
Green Bay 37 Dallas 36
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
Monday's game — All Times Eastern
Baltimore at Detroit, 8:40 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Indiana	20	3	.870	—
d-Miami	17	6	.739	3
Atlanta	12	12	.500	8½
d-Boston	11	14	.440	10
Detroit	11	14	.440	10
Charlotte	10	14	.417	10½
Toronto	9	13	.409	10½
Chicago	9	13	.409	10½
Washington	9	13	.409	10½
Cleveland	9	14	.391	11
Brooklyn	8	15	.348	12
New York	7	16	.304	13
Orlando	7	16	.304	13
Philadelphia	7	18	.280	14
Milwaukee	5	19	.208	15½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Portland	21	4	.840	—
d-San Antonio	19	4	.826	1
Oklahoma City	18	4	.818	1½
d-L.A. Clippers	16	9	.640	5
Houston	16	9	.640	5
Phoenix	13	9	.591	6½
Denver	13	9	.591	6½
Dallas	14	10	.583	6½
Golden State	13	11	.542	7½
New Orleans	11	10	.524	8
Minnesota	12	12	.500	8½
L.A. Lakers	11	12	.478	9
Memphis	10	13	.435	10
Sacramento	7	15	.318	12½
Utah	6	20	.231	15½

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Sunday's results
Portland 111 Detroit 109 (OT)
Sacramento 106 Houston 91
Minnesota 101 Memphis 93
Orlando at Oklahoma City
New Orleans at Denver
Golden State at Phoenix
Monday's games — All Times Eastern
Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Tuesday's games
Portland at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
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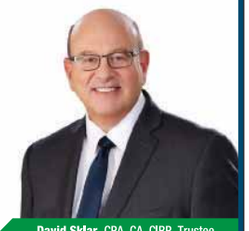
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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Family and financial problems can easily be resolved over the next seven days, but you must not keep putting them off.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Speak up if you have something important to say but make sure you listen too because the feedback you get could be invaluable.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may have to bluff your way through the sort of situation you would usually cope with quite easily today.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
As some of your views are a bit controversial there could be some interesting skirmishes today. But don't make a scene if someone who disagrees with you challenges your grasp of the facts.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Others may be having second thoughts about what you are doing but you have no such doubts. Even if you do make a mistake or two along the way your momentum and sense of purpose will keep you moving towards your goal.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Your confidence is sky-high at the moment and because of that you are ready to risk almost anything to prove you are the best. Before the day is over even your critics will be singing your praises and willing you to succeed.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will get your way on the work front easily enough today but you may upset a few people along the way. That won't worry you in the slightest.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will be rather outspoken today, which is not that unusual, but make sure your criticisms are justified or you could make enemies of people who should be your friends.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Mercury combined with your ruler Jupiter warns that what others tell you and what they believe may be two completely different things.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You don't lack for ideas at the moment but you seem strangely reluctant to let the world know about them. Maybe that's not such a bad thing.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The answers you seek are not that hard to find but you will surely find them quicker today if you get some assistance. And don't make things too complicated for yourself.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You must check facts and figures carefully today as Mercury linked to retrograde Jupiter warns that either someone is trying to deceive you or you will in some way deceive yourself.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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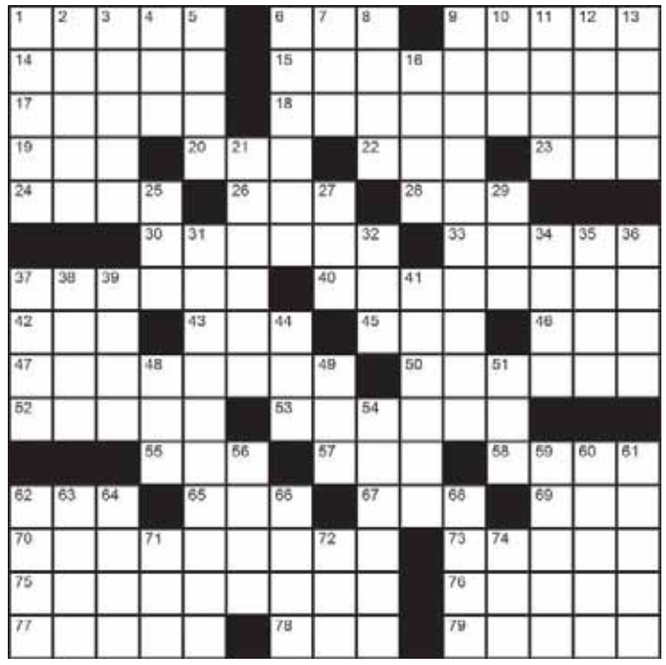


Across

1. Anna Paquin movie, "The __" (1993)
6. Ms. Gardner
9. Impudent
14. Christmas Tree topper
15. Anti-aging cream targets: 2 wds.
17. NWT: __ Heritage Trail
18. Canada Dry __ __
19. Farm animal
20. Sports fig.
22. "__ _ Married an Axe Murderer" (1993)
23. Li'l water channel
24. Sun., on Mon.
26. Mr. Kilmer
28. Mil. rank
30. Festive beverage
33. Wuthering Heights growth
37. Chachi's surname
40. Author who co-founded the Writers' Trust of Canada in 1976, Margaret __ (b.1926 - d.1987)
42. "Yahoo!"
43. Ms. Thurman
45. Li'l pressure unit
46. Ceiling
47. Fun street in downtown Montreal
50. Pre-Christmas time
52. Mr. Spock's father
53. Formal order
55. Clairvoyance, e.g.
57. Total
58. Yielded
62. "Law & Order: _ _ _"
65. Rum __ Tugger (Cats character)
67. Cereal grass
69. Farm call
70. Popular posting-up stuff website
73. Do computer cleaning
75. Merchants
76. On _ __ (Doing well)
77. __ statement
78. Home reno network
79. Paint finish kind

Down

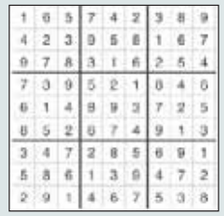
1. Joshua Jackson's "Dawson's Creek" role
2. Floored: 2 wds.
3. Ms. Moorehead
4. Paleo opposite
5. Stewing pot
6. Blanket type
7. Ancient 7
8. Ms. Jillian's
9. Wintertime fun: 2 wds.
10. "__ Bud" (1997)
11. Actress Ms. Merkel's
12. Boston basket-baller, briefly
13. River of Flanders
16. "__ & Icons" (Vintage show from MuchMusic)
21. "Let's Make a Deal" = _ _ __ show
25. Racecar driver Mr. Fabi
27. Miley Cyrus movie
29. Casual shirt
31. Well-known from daytime TV, Canadian designer Brian who has a home furnishings line
32. Discontinuity
34. 'Appear' suffix
35. _-__ Highway
36. It means 'Seven'
37. Bows
38. Uncommon, to Caesar
39. Alicia's role in "Clueless" (1995)
41. Elvis became a Private in it in '58: 2 wds.
44. Moreover
48. Check
49. Some football positions, e.g.
51. Non-carnivore, e.g.
54. Respectful gesture when meeting The Queen
56. Knit one __ two...
59. Monastery boss
60. Cat burglar's target
61. Bird of Jove
62. Li'l season [pl.]
63. Opinion
64. Do __ others...
66. Olde-style reward
68. Wax-coated cheese
71. Asphalt
72. __ Lanka
74. Big time

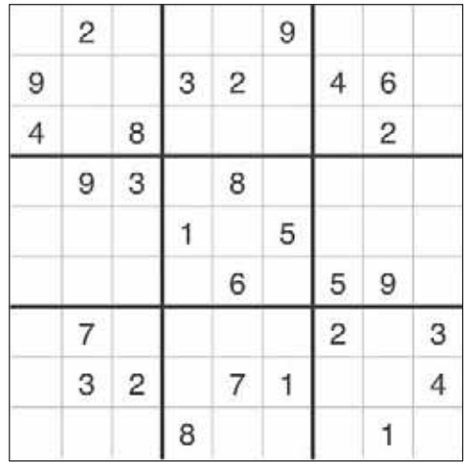
Friday's Crossword

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Friday's Sudoku





Today
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Partly cloudy

Tuesday
-4°/-8°
Flurries
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